

## **Comment to the Federal Communications Commission**

March 25, 2004

**Subject: RM-10867**

Sirs,

I believe that the proposal to have three license classes is correct.

I believe that there should be three license classes ( Technician, General, and Extra) with three written exams and one 5 WPM Morse Code exam.

I believe that the entry class license , whether it is called Novice or Technician, should have full privileges above 30 MHz and expanded HF phone privileges, but still limited as pertaining to total available bandwidth and maximum power below 30 MHz..

I believe that the 5 WPM Morse Code requirement should be retained for the General class and higher.

I believe that all question pools should be considered public domain.

I believe the current question pools are adequate.

I do not believe that the 13 WPM or more Morse Code requirement should be reinstated for any class of license as per the RAF proposal.

I do not believe that Technician class licensees should be automatically upgraded to General class as per the ARRL proposal.

I do not believe that Advanced class licensees should be automatically upgraded to Extra class as per the NCVETC proposal.

I feel most strongly that the entry level no-code license class should have the ability to experience the use of SSB phone on the HF bands. However, I also feel very strongly that we must retain the Morse Code requirement. It has always been the most reliable form of radio communication during an emergency, and should also be used as a measure of achievement and reward for those Amateurs that are willing to give the time and effort needed to become more proficient communicators. I believe that this course of action will be in the best long term interest of the Amateur Radio community and our country.

Sincerely,

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